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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH LEON DEBAYLE, GENERAL MANAGER OF BANCO DE CENTRO AMERICA, AND TOOK OCCASION TO RAISE CHARITON CASE WITH HIM. DEBAYLE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA, A PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER IN THE BANK, WHO HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE BANK WOULD HAVE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. DEBAYLE ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH HIS BOARD CHAIRMAN, OSCAR SEVILLA SACASA, OR THE BANK'S PRINCIPAL ATTORNEY, TO DISCUSS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF THOSE DEVELOPMENTS AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT TO DEBAYLE THE DIFFICULTIES CHARITON'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IN U.S. EMBASSY CREATED ALL PARTIES, I.E., THE BANK, THE GON, THE USG AND CHARITON HIMSELF. DEBAYLE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION AND IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION SEEMED TO BE WILLING TO SEEK POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS ALONG THE LINE OF A QUICK SETTLEMENT OF CHARITON'S "OBLIGATIONS" TO THE BANK AND HIS QUICK DEPARTURE FROM NICARAGUA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A SETTLEMENT OF \$25,000 PLUS HIS AIRPLANE CONSTITUTES CHARITON'S LAST OFFER, BUT THAT THE BANK HAS BEEN STICKING ON
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\$200,000 PLUS THE AIRCRAFT. A CUSTOMS PENALTY OF \$14,000 IS ALSO DUE, WE UNDERSTAND. DEBAYLE SEEMED TO THINK THAT THE BANK MIGHT BE WILLING TO LOWER ITS SIGHTS SUBSTANTIALLY TO BRING THIS MATTER TO A CLOSE. AMBASSADOR DID NOT PUSH, IN ORDER TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF BEING INVOLVED IN ANY SORT OF NEGOTIATION, BUT WE SENSE THAT A SETTLEMENT ALONG LINES OF \$50,000 PLUS THE PLANE FOR THE BANK, AND THE CLEARING OF THE BOOKS WITH CUSTOMS FOR \$14,000 MIGHT BE ACCEPT-

ABLE.

4. DEBAYLE CANNOT SPEAK FOR THE BANK, OR FOR CUSTOMS. HE WILL NEED TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE AND THE FINAL WORD FROM OSCAR SEVILLA SACASA AND, POSSIBLY, PRESIDENT SOMOZA AS WELL. THAT MAY TAKE TIME, SINCE SEVILLA IS IN MIAMI AND DEBAYLE TOLD US HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH HIM SO FAR BY TELEPHONE.

5. WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT GET HOLD OF CHARITON'S U.S. ATTORNEY, SOL LEVINE, WHO IS PROBABLY THE BEST PERSON TO JUDGE THE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF HIS CLIENT. WE SHOULD IMPRESS ON LEVINE THE ADVANTAGES OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT WITH BANK AND GON. WE HAVE NOT COMMUNICATED TO CHARITON AMOUNTS INVOLVED IN POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT.
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